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SUBJECT:SAG DESIRE TO HIRE SOCIAL SECURITY EXPERTS

REF: JIDDA 0505; JIDDA 759

1. NIBALI AGREEABLE TO PROPOSAL OF IBRAHIM AL-ZAID, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF SOCIAL INSURANCE AGENCY, FOR TWO MAN TEAM. PLANS TO ARRIVE RIYADH ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 14, ACCOMPANIED BY MELVIN L. GREENWOOD, COMPUTER SYSTEMS ANALYSTS, BUREAU OF DATA PROCESSING, SSA.

2. ESTIMATED COSTS FOR TWO MAN TEAM FOR FOUR MONTH MISSION AS FOLLOWS:

NIBALI: SALARY (INCLUDING POST DIFFERENTIAL AND PERSONNEL BENEFITS): DOLS 16,200
PER DIEM: DOLS 5,300
INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS: DOLS 2,000
SUBTOTAL: DOLS 23,500

GREENWOOD: SALARY (INCLUDING POST DIFFERENTIAL): DOLS 8,600
PERSONNEL BENEFITS: DOLS 1,400
PER DIEM: DOLS 5,300
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INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND MISCELLANEOUS: DOLS 2,000

SUBTOTAL: DOLS 17,300

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3. URGENT THAT WE RECEIVE QUICK SAG AGREEMENT TO REIMBURSEMENT SSA FOR TOTAL COSTS OF MISSION SO THAT SSA CAN FINALIZE PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH NIBALI, WHO IS A RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEE, AND PROCESS TRAVEL ORDERS FOR GREENWOOD, SSA EMPLOYEE. CABLED ASSURANCES FROM EMBASSY THAT SAG WILL REIMBURSE USG FOR MISSION WILL BE SUFFICIENT FOR SSA TO ACT.

4. POST AUTHORIZED NEGOTIATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOLLAR COLLECTION FROM GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA IN THIS CASE ONLY. THIS IS NOT METHOD WHICH MAY BE FOLLOWED HEREFTER. U. S. DOLLAR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO U. S. TREASURY FOR DOL 40,800 (40,800) SHOULD BE SENT BY FASTEST AVAILABLE MEANS TO THE DEPARTMENT, ATTENTION: BF/FS. SEND CABLE IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT OF CHECK BY EMBASSY.

5. NIBALI WILL DISCUSS PROSPECTS FOR LONG TERM ASSISTANCE WITH ZAID UPON ARRIVAL.

6. REQUEST SAG CONTACT SAUDI EMBASSY, WASHINGTON TO EXPEDITE ISSUANCE VISAS TO NIBALI AND GREENWOOD. KISSINGER

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